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Date:

January 13, 1999

Subject:

Request for Termination of Response Activities Under Authority of the Unified Command

As a follow-up action item, here is a copy of the October 28, 1998 letter and request to terminate response activities for the SPM Hose Spill Incident. It was signed separately by the U.S. Coast Guard and the Hawaii Department of Health on November 19, 1998.

The four pages being faxed to you does not include the "Bird Status Chart as of October 21, 1998," as a more updated copy of the 11-page table has already been sent to you.

Please call me if you would still like to have the bird status chart.

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October 28, 1998

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Re: Request for Termination of Response Activities Under Authority of the Unified Command



This letter is to request your concurrence that all response activities for the SPM Hose Spill Incident which occurred on or about August 24, 1998 (the "Spill") are terminated.

More than two months has elapsed since the Spill. Thirty-two (32) dead scabirds have been confirmed and twenty-one (21) seabirds have been captured, rehabilitated and released. Attached please find a calendar documenting the seabird surveys which have been conducted to date and a status chart describing the disposition of each of the above-referenced seabirds. With the release of the last four rehabilitated seabirds this past week, there are no seabirds at the bird rehabilitation center at Lihue, which has been demobilized with the concurrence of the Federal (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services) and State (Department of Land and Natural Resources) trustees.

It is my understanding that the Federal and State trustees involved with the bird survey and capture operations are in agreement that—with the sole exception of Kaula Rock, over which there are apparent differences of opinion—no further bird survey and capture activities are to be conducted in connection with the Spill and that such response activities may be terminated. Given the continuing and frustrating logistical conflicts surrounding arrangements for a survey and capture trip to Kaula Rock, it does not appear that such an excursion will occur any time soon, if at all. Moreover, the rationale for seabird survey and capture activities on Kaula Rock, as a part of the response action, is, at best, tenuous at this late date and diminishes with each passing day.



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We, therefore, request that each of you, as members of the Unified Command, confirm the termination of all response activities, including, but not limited to, any further bird survey, search or rescue activities, related to the Spill, by separately signing in counterpart and returning a copy of this letter to me. I will, thereafter, arrange for the appropriate distribution of the signed documents to each of you. If you do not agree with our request, we earnestly ask that you confirm the extent to which response activities are complete and provide an explanation of the time and condition by which any other action must be completed before the response activities will be brought to an end.

Very truly yours,

F. David Hoffman, Jr. Incident Commander

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## SCHEDULE FOR SEABIRD SURVEYS AND CAPTURE ACTIVITIES

LOCATION	TASK
Mokapu Point	⇒ Conducted seabird survey and capture on
	10/10/98
	⇒ Conducted seabird capture on 10/13/98
	⇒ Conducted seabird capture on 10/15/98
	⇒ Conducted seabird capture on 10/17/98
Vana Baint	⇒ Conducted shearwater bird survey on 10/7/98
Kaena Point	⇒ Conducted shearwater bild survey of 10/7/86
Moku Manu	⇒ Conducted seabird survey on 9/19/98
	⇒ Conducted seabird capture on 10/9/98
Oahu Seabird Sanctuaries	⇒ Conducted seabird survey (Popoia & Mckulua Is.) on 9/4/98
	⇒ Conducted seabird survey on Manana, Kaohikalpu, Moku Lua, Popoia Is. on 10/12/98
Kilauea Point	⇒ Conducted seabird survey and capture on
	10/11/98
	⇒ Conducted seabird capture on 10/13/98
	⇒ Conducted seabird capture on 10/15/98
	⇒ Conducted seabird capture on 10/17/98
	⇒ Conducted seabird capture on 10/22/98
Kaula Rock	No seabird survey has been conducted on Kaula Rock.